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1. CANADIAN MINISTER TURNER CALLED ON BAKER (IO) JULY 27
TO FOLLOW UP ON PREVIOUS WEEK'S DISCUSSION WITH
CANADIAN MFA'S IO DIRECTOR PEARSON, SPECIFICALLY WITH
REFERENCE TO THE ZIONISM-RACISM PROBLEM. TURNER CHARACTER-
IZED THIS ISSUE AS THE ONE POLITICAL ISSUE TO WHICH THE U.S.
AND CANADA GIVE THE SAME DEGREE OF EMPHASIS. HE INTRODUCED
THE CONVERSATION BY SHOWING A MESSAGE FROM CANADIAN
EMBASSY TEL AVIV INDICATING THAT FONMIN ALLON HAD TOLD
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CANADIAN AMBASSADOR THAT HE ANTICIPATED SUBSTANTIAL RADICAL

ARAB EFFORTS TO AGITATE THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE AT THE 31ST UNGA. ALLON WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT IF "FIFTEEN OF MAJOR UN CONTRIBUTORS MADE CLEAR THAT FURTHER ELABORATION OF ZIONISM-RACISM CAMPAIGN WOULD RESULT IN TERMINATION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS , THIRD WORLD UN MEMBERS WOULD SEE THE LIGHT."

2. (COMMENT: THIS VERY STRONG STATEMENT OF ALLON IS SOMEWHAT AT VARIANCE WITH STATEMENTS MADE BY ISRAELI DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS KIDRON, WHO

INTIMATED TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS, AND APPARENTLY STATED MORE EXPLICITLY TO BRITISH, THAT RAISING OF ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE IS FOREGONE CONCLUSION AND ONE ON WHICH IT IS NOT WORTH SPENDING DIPLOMATIC CAPITAL.)

3. TURNER NOTED FOREIGN MINISTER MACEACHEN'S STRONG INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE AND THE FACT THAT HE WAS WILLING TO RESIST ZIONISM-RACISM FORMULA STRONGLY EVEN AT THE COST OF ISOLATION AS IN THE CASE OF ECOSOC CONSIDERATION OF DECADE IN MAY.

4. BAKER STATED THAT WE WERE EQUALLY CONCERNED AT THE PROSPECT THAT RADICAL ARABS WOULD BE PRESSING ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE AT NEXT UNGA, NOTING THAT THEY WOULD CERTAINLY GET ENDORSEMENT OF THIS PROPOSITION AT COLOMBO SUMMIT AND COULD BE EXPECTED TO AGITATE IT SUBSEQUENTLY, PARTICULARLY SINCE PROPOSALS FOR EXPULSION OF ISRAEL WOULD AGAIN BE UNLIKELY TO EMERGE FROM COLOMBO WITH UNIFIED THIRD WORLD ENDORSEMENT. HE NOTED THAT INCIDENTS IN ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES THIS SPRING, RABIN-VORSTER MEETING AND ISRAELI RESCUE OPERATION AT ENTEBBE HAD MADE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR MODERATE AFRICANS TO RESIST ACQUIESCENCE IN ZIONISM-RACISM FORMULA EVEN THOUGH THEY CONTINUED IN NUMEROUS INSTANCES TO RESIST SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION PROPOSALS.

5. BAKER INDICATED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR U.S. AND CANADA TO CONSULT FURTHER ON THIS ISSUE AT SCHEDULED PRE-UNGA BILATERAL SEPTEMBER 25 NOTING CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT THIS AND NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC ISSUES WERE TWO MOST PROMISING AREAS FOR CLOSE US-CANADIAN COOPERATION AT UNGA. HE CALLED TURNER'S ATTENTION TO MANNER IN WHICH SOVIETS HAD AGITATED THIS ISSUE THIS SPRING, CITING A NUMBER OF INSTANCES OF THIS AND SPECULATED THAT THEY COULD WELL CONTINUE THIS KIND OF MISCHIEF-MAKING IN THE FALL AS IT HAD DOUBLE ADVANTAGE TO THEM OF DIVIDING U.S. FROM ARABS AND FROM AFRICANS.

6. BAKER OBSERVED THAT THERE WERE TWO ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM ON WHICH U.S.-CANADIAN COOPERATION COULD BE FRUITFUL. FIRST WOULD BE RESISTING ANY NEW EFFORTS TO EXPAND IMPACT AND EXPLOITATION OF ZIONISM-RACISM RESOLUTION. SECOND WOULD BE EFFORT TO UNHOOK THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION FROM ZIONISM-RACISM. HE RECALLED THAT AT SPRING ECOSOC, U.S. DEL, ALTHOUGH IT HAD NOT FORMALLY PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSION OF ITEM OF DECADE, HAD SUGGESTED TO SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, BOTH AFRICAN AND EUROPEAN, THAT A FORMULA ALONG LINES OF THE FOLLOWING TEXT COULD HELP CLEANSE

DECADE OF PRESENT CONTAMINATION WITH ZIONISM-RACISM RESOLUTION:

"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY URGES ALL STATES TO COOPERATE IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AS APPROVED BY CONSENSUS BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3057 (XXVIII) AND WITH RESPECT TO WHICH ONLY THOSE RESOLUTIONS SUBSEQUENTLY ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REFLECTING THE SAME CONSENSUS SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE APPLICABLE."

7. BAKER INDICATED THAT THIS FORMULA HAD EVOKED SOME INTEREST BUT THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN SUFFICIENT TIME TO BE TRIED AND THAT U.S., AS NON-PARTICIPANT ON THAT ITEM, COULD NOT PRESS IT ACTIVELY AT ECOSOC. HE SUGGESTED THAT U.S. AND CANADA COULD FRUITFULLY CONSIDER WAYS IN WHICH TO INTRODUCE FORMULA OF THIS KIND IN GOOD TIME PRIOR TO GA THIRD COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF ECOSOC'S REPORT ON DECADE. TURNER TOOK NOTE OF THIS LANGUAGE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPRESSED INTEREST.

8. BAKER STATED THAT EFFORT TO FENCE OFF ZIONISM-RACISM PROBLEM FROM DECADE WOULD PROBABLY BE OF MINIMUM INTEREST TO ISRAELIS WHO MORE CONCERNED WITH BEATING BACK THE ZIONISM-RACISM CAMPAIGN PER SE AND PROBABLY LESS INTERESTED IN WHETHER THE U.S., CANADA AND THE WESTERN EUROPEANS ARE REASSOCIATED WITH THE DECADE. HOWEVER, FROM THE U.S. STANDPOINT, EVEN IF WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN SEPARATING ZIONISM-RACISM FROM THE DECADE BY A FORMULA SUCH AS THAT IN PARA 4 ABOVE, WE WOULD STILL FORCEFULLY OPPOSE ANY RESOLUTIONS ELABORATING ON THE ZIONISM-RACISM EQUATION. KISSINGER

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